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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) FEB 21 2000  
 John E. EBY et al. ) GROUP 1700  
 Serial No.: 09/287,631 ) Group Art Unit: 1732  
 Filed: April 7, 1999 ) Examiner: A. Kuhns  
 For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING )  
 A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND )  
 METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE )  
 COVERING HAVING A NATURAL )  
 APPEARANCE )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Further to the Amendment filed December 30, 1999, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following supplemental amendments and remarks. Since the Office Action of October 1, 1999 was a non-final Office Action and the Amendment filed December 30, 1999, was a timely and complete response to the Office Action, it is believed that an extension of time is not needed to permit filing and entry of this supplemental amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 23 and 24, and amend claims 25, 26 and 33 as follows:

Claim 25, line 1 change "24" to --33--.

Claim 26, line 1 change "23" to --33--.

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